

Design Considerations and Issues

Preliminary research indicates the following design considerations and issues in the study area:

- cultural/archaeological sites
- recreational areas
- wildlife/biological resources
- water quality
- access to adjacent properties
- utility conflicts
- local and regional planning
- access management
- impacts to private property
- impacts to businesses
- planned development
- noise impacts
- air quality
- visual quality
- mountainous terrain
- drainage

Environmental Overview

The corridor alternatives will be developed with your input and evaluated for environmental issues, consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). NEPA requires federal agencies to integrate environmental values into their decision-making processes by considering the potential environmental, social, and economic impacts of proposed actions and reasonable alternatives to those actions.

An environmental overview document will be prepared concurrent with the engineering study. Currently, the Study Team is gathering information on the study area to identify potential constraints and issues.

Study Schedule

At this time, we are in the earliest part of the study - the scoping phase - in which the Study Team seeks input on project constraints and evaluation criteria from the public and government agencies. The input we receive from you tonight will help us identify the critical issues that will be considered with this study.

Over the next few months, the Study Team will develop and evaluate corridor alternatives. The issues, concerns, and opportunities that you share tonight will be considered in that process. A follow-up public meeting will be held after the initial evaluation is complete to share the findings of the study and get further input from you.

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SR 95 Realignment, Lake Havasu Area Corridor Location Study & Environmental Overview Public Scoping Meeting - March 4, 2008



INFORMATION SHEET

Study Background

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), Mohave County, and Lake Havasu City, in coordination with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Bureau of Land Management (BLM), have initiated a study of potential corridors in which to realign the portion of State Route (SR) 95 that passes through Lake Havasu City.

SR 95 would potentially be realigned between Milepost (MP) 175 and MP 191 to a new corridor east of Lake Havasu City. The study will identify feasible corridors in which SR 95 could be realigned in order to improve regional and local traffic flow. The corridors will be evaluated for potential environmental, social, and economic issues. It is anticipated that the findings of this study will be carried forward for more detailed study.

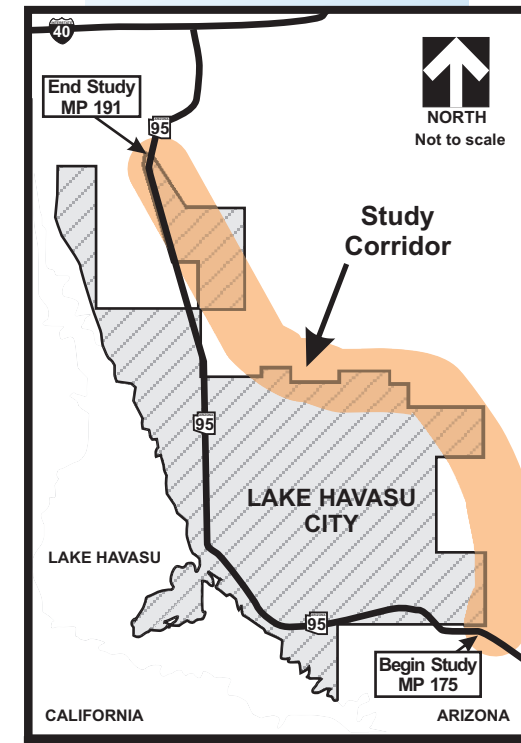
The purpose of the study is to evaluate possible bypass corridors to meet existing and future traffic demand in western Arizona. SR 95 is a major state highway that carries regional as well as local traffic. This route carries traffic through the Lake Havasu City community to destinations in Arizona, Nevada, and California, and popular recreational sites along the Colorado River. The route also provides access to local retail, commercial, and residential areas. Traffic volumes will increase as the community and region continue to grow.

Meeting Purpose & Details

The primary objectives of tonight's meeting are to learn about issues and concerns you feel should be addressed in this study, obtain your input, and to listen to your suggestions. The Study Team will work proactively with the public as part of the study process.

About Tonight's Meeting

- Please review the exhibits around the room. Study Team members are available to answer questions and discuss details.
- A question and answer session will be held immediately following the presentation. To have your question answered in front of the group, please write your question on the yellow card provided and hand it to any Study Team member.
- Your input is important to us. Be sure to complete a comment sheet. You may leave it with us tonight or submit it to the Study Team by **April 4, 2008**, as directed on the form.



Study Vicinity Map

The Project Development Process



Today's public meeting fits here in the project development process

PLANNING

Long-term planning to determine future transportation needs and potential improvements is conducted well in advance of design and construction. Area population growth, future land use, jurisdictional responsibilities, and other factors are used to determine the need, feasibility, and general location of future improvements.

STUDY

The study phase establishes the location and basic characteristics of a roadway. Accompanying this are environmental studies, identification and evaluation of alternatives, general cost estimates, coordination with public and private partners, and the determination of feasibility to move to the design phase. Pending the findings of the study, FHWA will decide whether or not to advance an alternative to design.

DESIGN

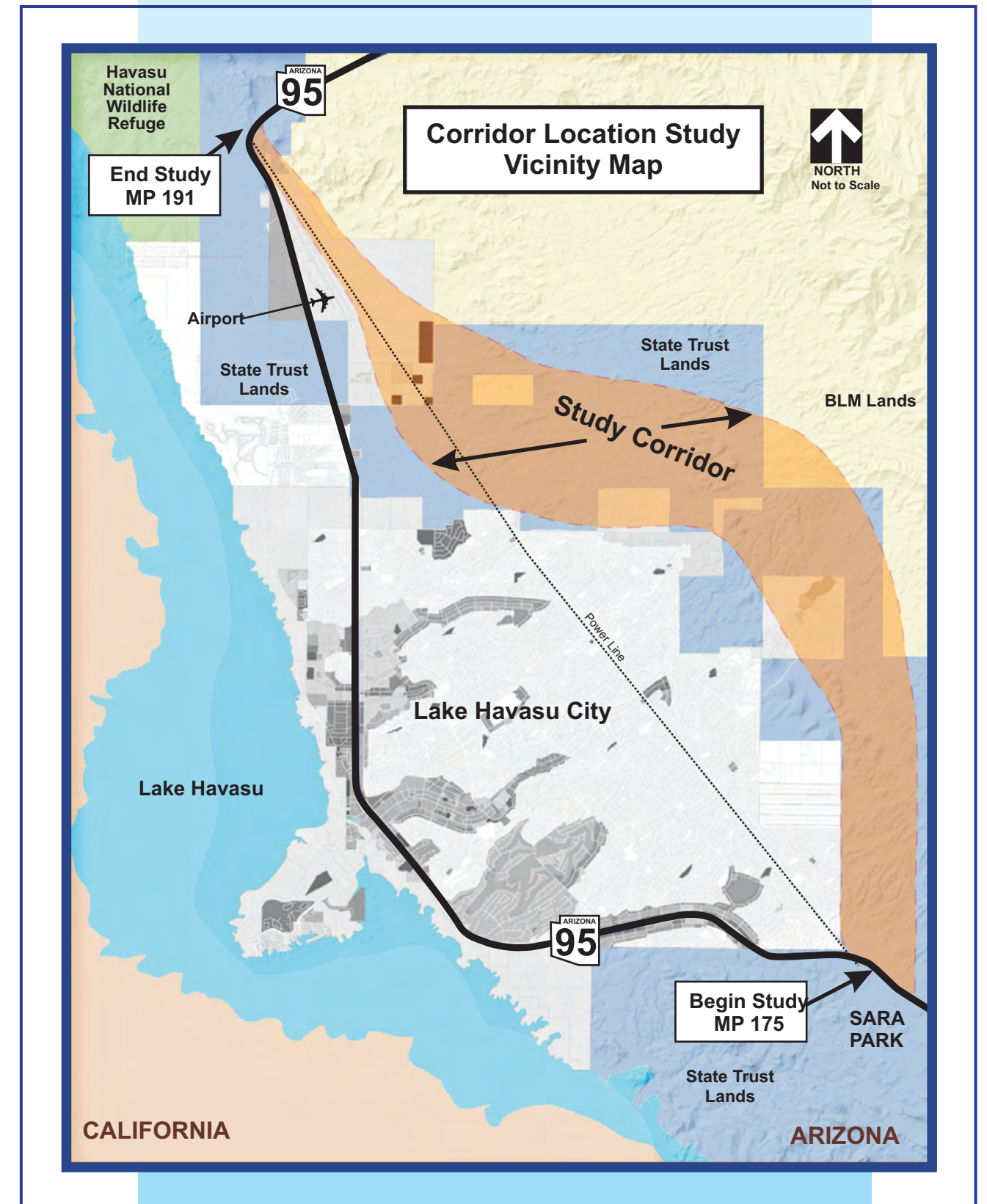
The design of a roadway involves several stages of detailed engineering and technical review and interim levels of approval. The final design of the roadway is represented in plans and specifications that construction contractors use to prepare construction bids.

CONSTRUCTION

Construction takes place after a project has been funded and programmed by the State Transportation Board. Road construction for projects is based on detailed plans and specifications provided to the contractor following the approved design. As construction occurs, ADOT continually looks for ways to improve the construction process for maximum efficiency and minimal community impact.

MAINTAIN & MONITOR

ADOT will maintain the facility and will monitor it to ensure it continues to meet the needs of the traveling public.



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